

HAVE YOU
CONVINCED
ANYONE BESIDES
KIHRO TO JOIN
THE CLUB?


SO, KEITAROU, HOW
MANY FRIENDS DID
YOU MAKE TODAY?



WHETHER
IT'S PARTY
PEOPLE OR
TOTAL
NERDS,
WHOEVER
YOU MEET,
YOU'LL MAKE
FRIENDS
WITH ALL OF
THEM!

KEITAROU,
YOU REALLY
DO GO
HARD AT
THIS!

NO
NEW CLUB
MEMBERS,
BUT I DID
MAKE
TWENTY-
THREE
FRIENDS!



IF YOU CAN
MAKE THAT A
REALITY, IT'LL
BE THE END
OF WAR AS
WE KNOW IT.

KEITAROU
MAEBARA,
THE
EMISSARY
OF
PEACE~!

SOONER OR
LATER, YOU'LL
HOLD THE
GUINNESS
WORLD RECORD
FOR NUMBER OF
FRIENDS, HUH?

IF YOU
DO, I'LL
SPREAD
THE
WORD.

YEAH, LET'S
DO IT! I'M
KEITAROU
MAEBARA,
THE MAN WHO
WILL MAKE
FRIENDS WITH
ALL 7.7
BILLION
PEOPLE IN
THE WORLD!



OF COURSE,
JUST FORGET
ABOUT THAT
ALREADY~ IT'S
EMBARASSING!


SURE THING, BUT
THAT POWERFUL
CROTCH CRUSH
MOVE FROM THIS
MORNING IS
STRICTLY OFF
LIMITS.

HEY HEY,
KEITAROU, IF YOU
MAKE FRIENDS
WITH SOMEONE
WHO'D MAKE A
GOOD HUSBAND
FOR ME, PLEASE
INTRODUCE US!

AFTER ALL, SIS SAKI
ALWAYS SAYS, A MAN
THAT EVEN OTHER MEN
FALL FOR HAS TO BE A
TRULY GOOD MAN,
RIGHT?

OH,
TAMA!
YOU
ROMANCE
NUT!

MMM~
YOU'RE SO
CUTE!



NO NEED TO
RUSH, TAMAKI.
JUST SEARCH
FOR SOMEONE
BASED ON YOUR
OWN PERSONAL
VALUES.

I CAN'T
REALLY SAY
WHAT TAMAKI
WOULD BE
THINKING
FROM HER
POINT OF
VIEW,
THOUGH...?

EVEN IF
HE'D BE A
GOOD MAN
FROM A
MAN'S
POINT OF
VIEW,



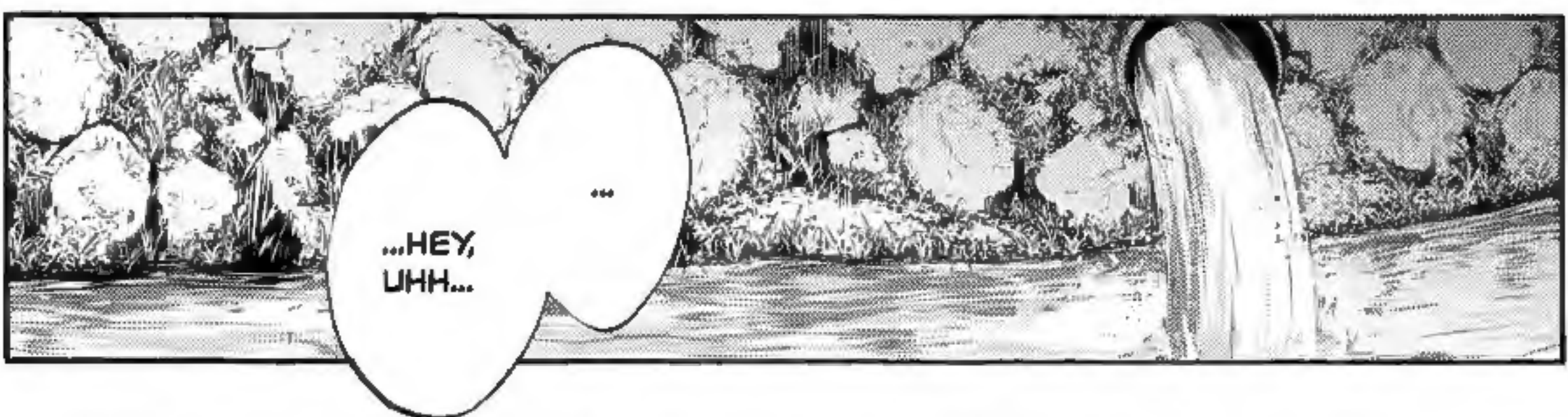
CAN'T SAY
WHAT SHE'D
BE THINKING
FROM HER
POINT OF
VIEW...?




I
SUPPOSE
THAT'S
GOOD...

SO, WHAT
ABOUT YOU,
KIHRO~?
YOU'RE PRETTY
POPULAR WITH
THE GIRLS IN
YOUR CLASS,
RIGHT?

GOOD
ADVICE,
KIHRO-
CHAN~♪



...HEY,
UHH...



ALL I DID WAS
CALL OUT TO
HER... AND SHE
WAS PARALYZED
WITH FEAR.

WEIRD?

I MET THIS WEIRD
GIRL TODAY.




IT DIDN'T
SEEM LIKE
THE GIRL
WAS
UNABLE
TO TALK
THOUGH...

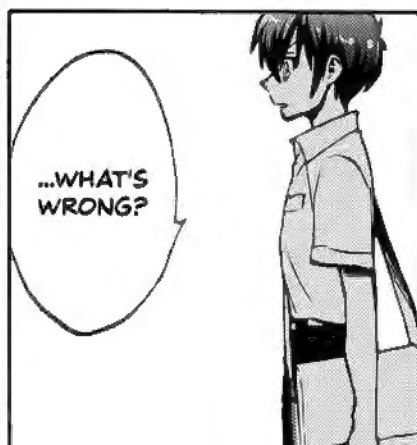
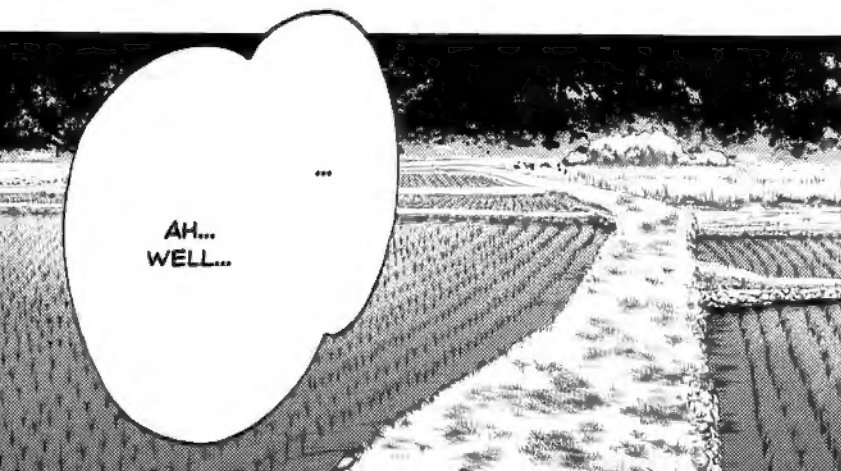
IN THE
END, THE
NURSE
COULD
ONLY
TALK TO
ME.

EVEN WITH
MYSELF AND
THE SCHOOL
NURSE CALLING
OUT TO HER, SHE
WOULDN'T
RESPOND.

SO IT WAS
REALLY WEIRD TO
SEE SOMEONE GO
SO FAR JUST TO
IGNORE ME...



MAYBE
IT'S THAT
YOU-KNOW-
WHAT
THAT
AFFECTS
SAKIKO, SAKIKO,
TAMAKI, ADOLE-
SCENT
GIRLS?
PLEASE, HELP ME
OUT HERE~





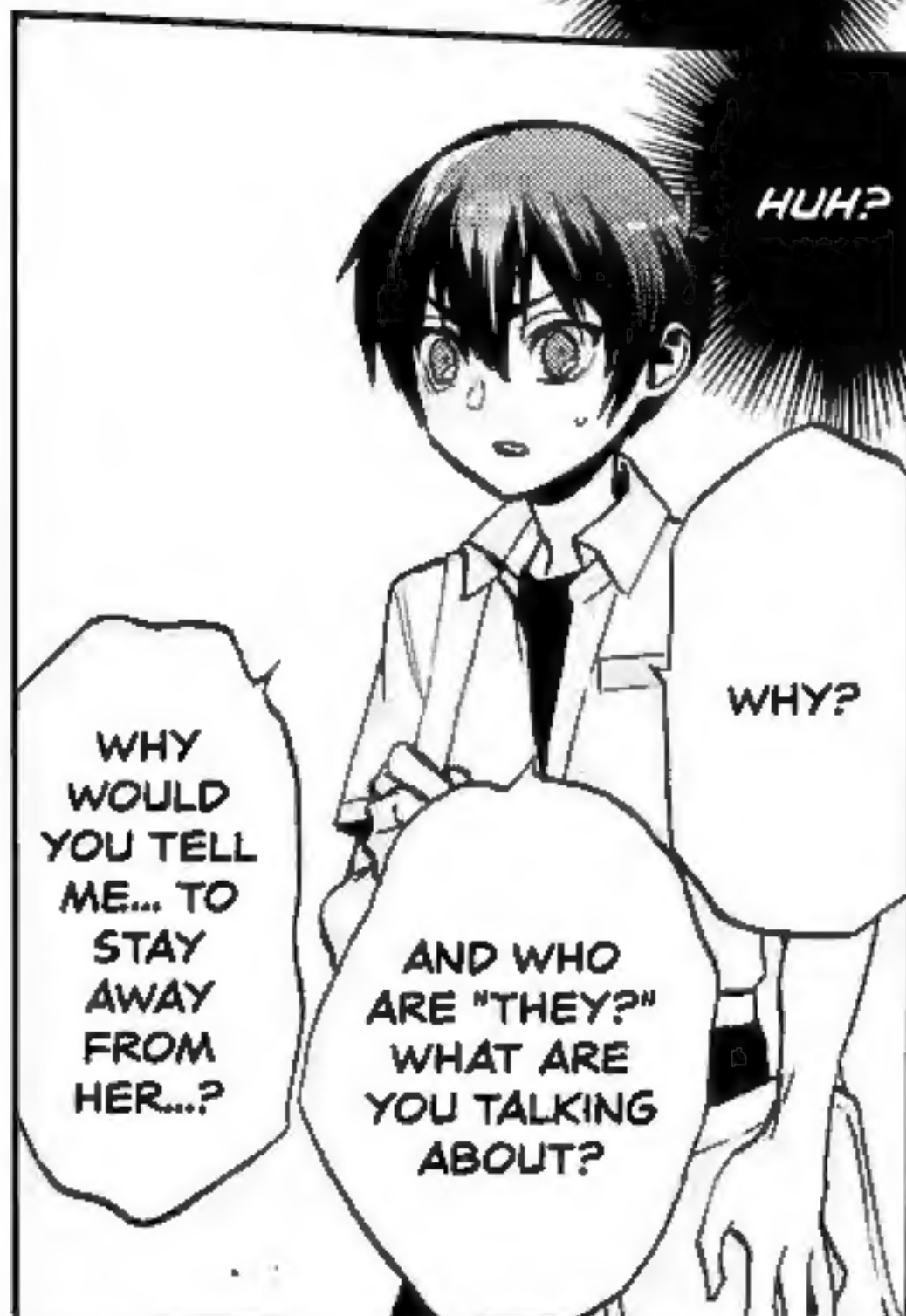
SERIOUSLY,
GIVE ME
A
BREAK.

IT'S
GOTTA
BE
THEM.

THAT'S
JUST LIKE
THEM,
HUH?



HUH?



HUH?

WHY?

WHY
WOULD
YOU TELL
ME... TO
STAY
AWAY
FROM
HER...?

AND WHO
ARE "THEY?"
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT?



I'D
RATHER
NOT
SAY
BAD
THINGS
ABOUT
ANY-
ONE...

...KEI-
TAROU.

...BECAUSE
NOTHING
GOOD WILL
COME OF
IT.

BUT,
PLEASE
DON'T
GET
ANY
MORE
INVOLVED
WITH
HER.

THERE'S
NO
POINT
IN
TRYING
TO GET
ALONG
WITH
HER.



RIGHT,
KEITAROU IS
A TRUE
BORN
HINAMIZAWAN
AFTER ALL.

IT WAS
BOUND TO
COME UP
SOONER OR
LATER.

MAYBE WE
NEED TO
HAVE A
TALK WITH
KAYTARO
ABOUT
THIS.



KAYTARO,

HAVE YOU
HEARD ABOUT
THE POLARIS
FAMILY
SOCIETY?



THEY
HAVE A
HOMEPAGE...
IS THIS
IT?

GO AHEAD
AND
GOOGLE IT,
YOU'LL FIND
IT RIGHT
AWAY...

POLA...
WHAT
NOW?

TAP

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stars

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intended

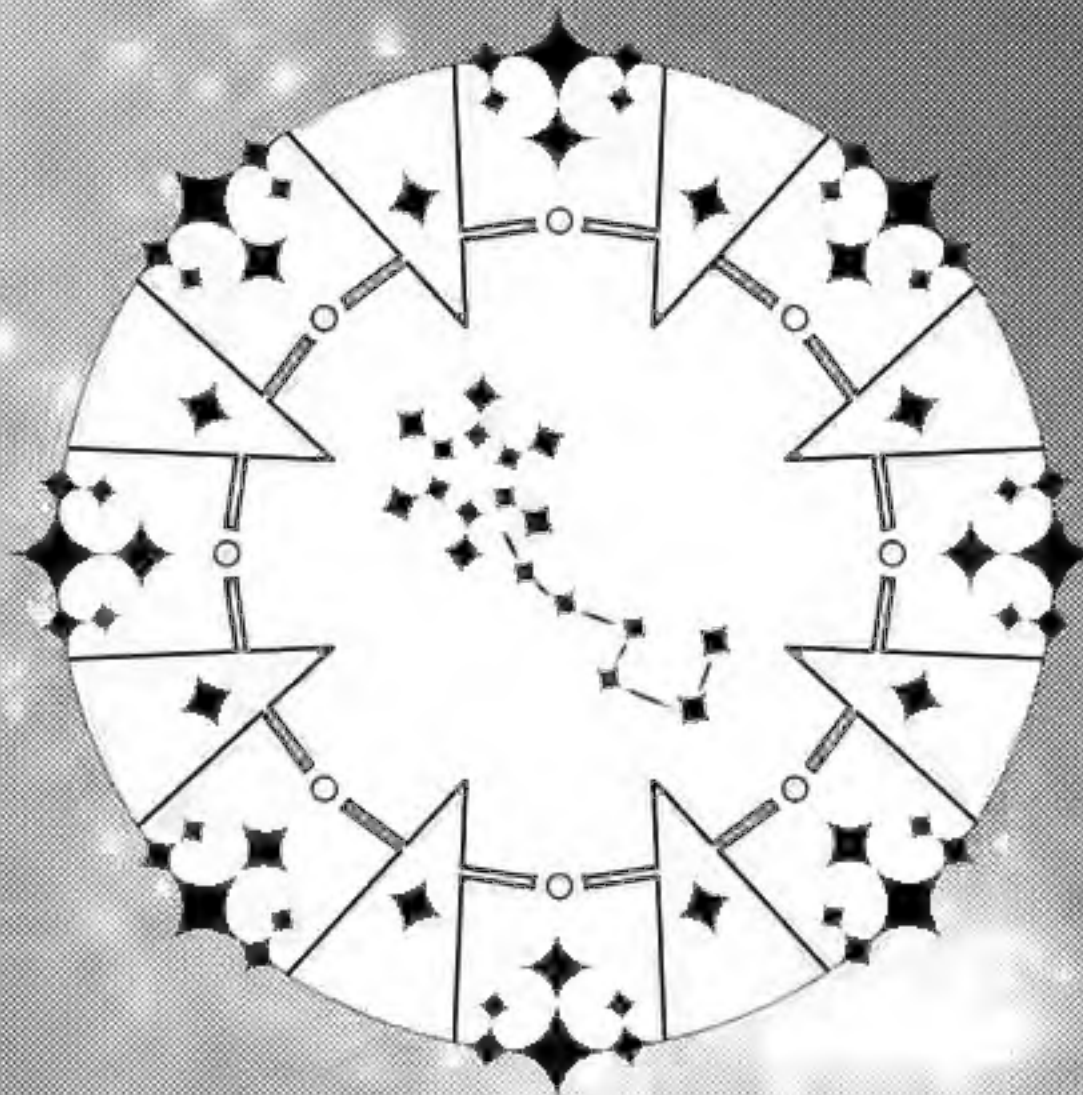
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bonds

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Mother Earth

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**Are you suffering
right now?**

All misfortune comes from bonds
that society forces on us.

You can escape. Let's live away
from all that.

No communication outside
our family is necessary.

**"ALL
MISFORTUNE
COMES FROM
BONDS THAT
SOCIETY
FORCES ON
US."**

**"NO
COMMUNICATION
OUTSIDE OUR
FAMILY IS
NECESSARY...?"**

The Holy Mother Taught Us:



They say 90% of people's
worries are caused by other
So must we continue suffer
If that's the case, then let's
with a comfortable partner
Wanting that is not a sin
Everyone deserves comfort
Let go of your suffering
Come, leave your burden
with us.

**"YOU CAN
ESCAPE.
LET'S LIVE
AWAY FROM
ALL THAT."**

From the book:
Disband Toxic Bonds
Even if It Means Fleeing Your Loved Ones
Be Alone Like That Star

KAYTARO,
THAT GIRL
WHO IGNORED
YOU WAS
PROBABLY A
MEMBER OF
THE POLARIS
FAMILY
SOCIETY.

EXACTLY
WHAT IT
LOOKS
LIKE.

ONE OF
THOSE
SPIRITUAL
SOCIETIES?

SOME
RELIGION?

WHAT
IS
THIS?

BASICALLY A
SHELTER FOR
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
VICTIMS...

...LIVING A SELF-
SUFFICIENT
LIFESTYLE
TOGETHER...

You needn't be wounded.

Just by being among
the stars, the flowers,
the water,

You can encounter
true happiness.

A self-sufficient
community.

Caring for one
another, and living
with the earth.

through prayer, we share our suffering

LISTEN,
KEITAROU.

DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE
VICTIMS... IS
THAT SO...?

THIS LOOKS
JUST LIKE
THE KEYCHAIN
THING SHE
WAS
HOLDING...
THERE'S
SOMETHING
FISHY
ABOUT IT
THOUGH...



THE MAIN STREET IS PROSPERING AS A TOURIST DESTINATION, BUT...

SO NEW GENERATIONS TEND TO MOVE TO THE CITY.

IT'S TRUE YOU CAN GET RECEPTION OUT HERE, BUT THE STATION AND THE SCHOOL ARE SO FAR AWAY.



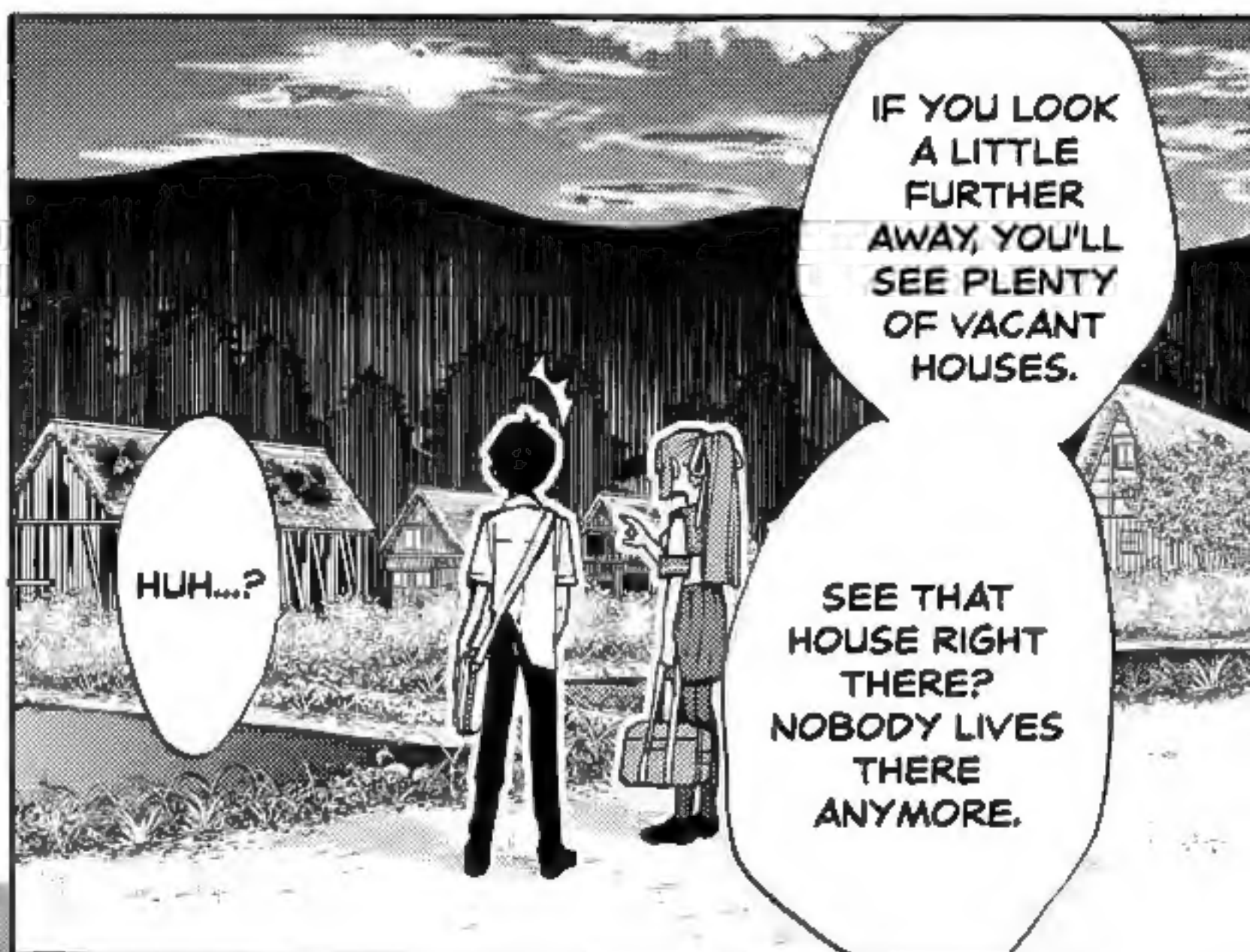
THE POPULATION IN HINAMIZAWA HAS BEEN STEADILY DECLINING SINCE THE TIME YOU USED TO VISIT HERE WHILE LIVING IN TOKYO.



IT WAS DESTROYED BY THE SNOW THIS PAST YEAR.

IT'S A WRECK...

THINGS FELL APART QUICKLY AFTER PEOPLE STOPPED LIVING HERE.



HUH...?

IF YOU LOOK A LITTLE FURTHER AWAY, YOU'LL SEE PLENTY OF VACANT HOUSES.

SEE THAT HOUSE RIGHT THERE? NOBODY LIVES THERE ANYMORE.



THE VILLAGE WAS IN REAL DANGER OF TURNING INTO A GHOST TOWN.

...SO, AT ONE POINT, THE POPULATION DROPPED TO AROUND 500 PEOPLE.



WHEN THE VILLAGE WAS IN THAT REALLY TOUGH SITUATION, A COUPLE OF HUNDRED PEOPLE CAME AND SAID THEY WANTED TO MOVE TO HINAMIZAWA.



ALL THAT HAPPENED, WITHOUT ME EVEN KNOWING ABOUT IT?!

AHAHA... WELL... THAT'S THE FLOW OF THE TIMES...

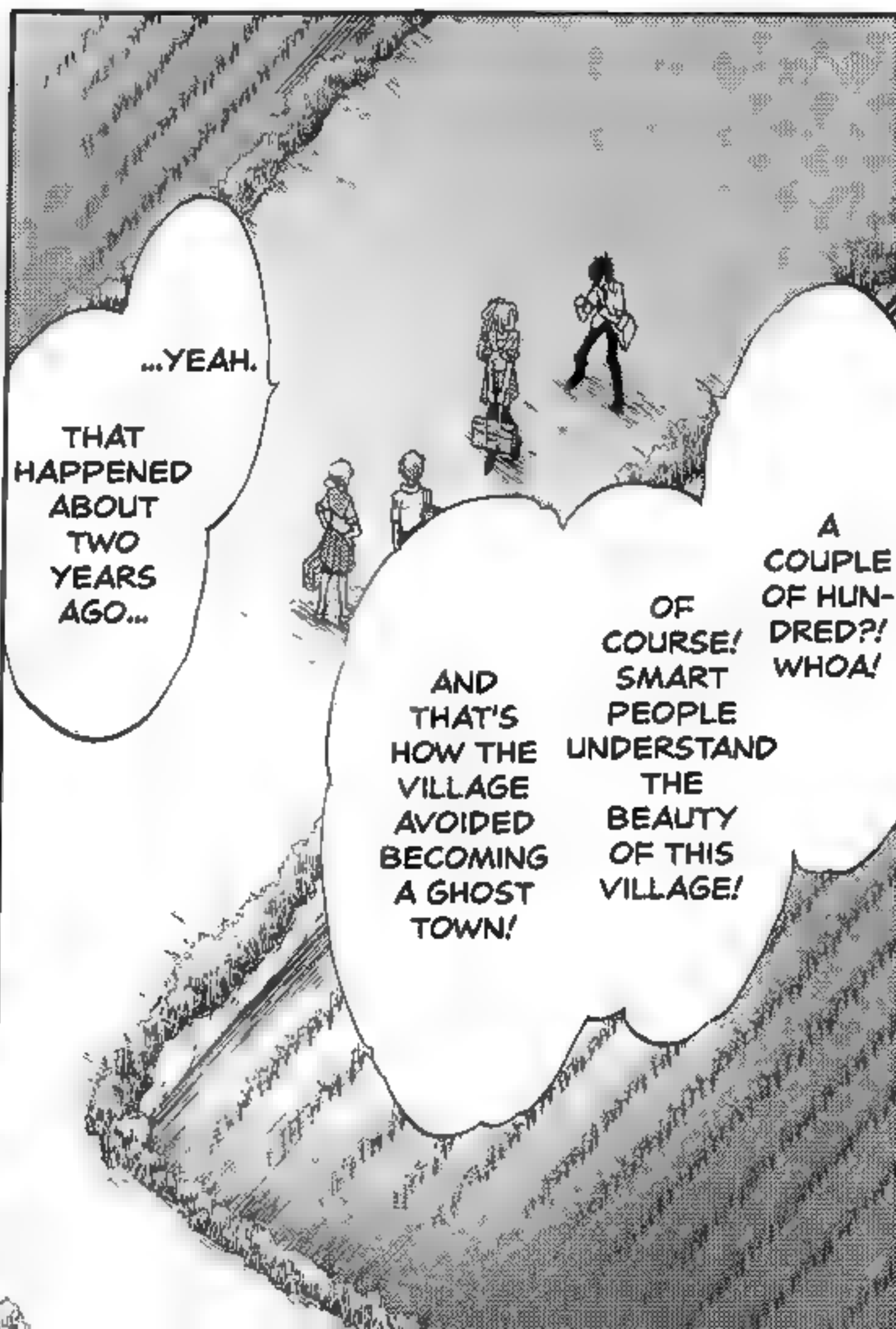
BUT,



IN TERMS OF POPULATION, WE AVERTED THE RISK OF BECOMING A GHOST TOWN.

WELL... I'M SURE YOU FIGURED IT OUT?

BUT... THE PEOPLE WHO MOVED HERE WERE...



...YEAH.

THAT HAPPENED ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO...

AND THAT'S HOW THE VILLAGE AVOIDED BECOMING A GHOST TOWN!

OF COURSE! SMART PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE BEAUTY OF THIS VILLAGE!

A COUPLE OF HUNDRED?! WHOA!



HUH?!

**THE 500
MEMBERS OF THE
POLARIS FAMILY
SOCIETY WERE
THE ONES WHO
MOVED TO
HINAMIZAWA.**



THEN
HALF OF
THE
VILLAGE
ARE
MEMBERS
OF
POLARIS?!

500?!

IF
THERE
ARE
500
OF
THEM,

THOSE
FISHY
PEOPLE
ARE
LIVING
HERE
WITH
US...?!

EVEN THOUGH
THIS VILLAGE
SHOULD BE FULL
OF PEOPLE I
KNOW...

EVEN
THOUGH
THEY
CAME TO
THIS
VILLAGE
FROM SO
FAR
AWAY?

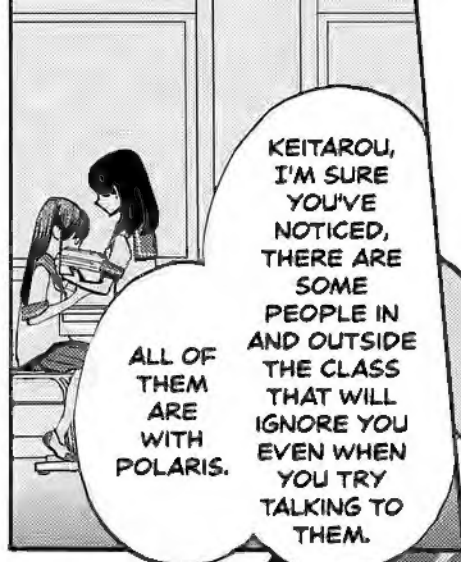
THOSE FOLKS
ALL LIVE IN A
COMMUNITY AT
THE EDGE OF
THE VILLAGE...
NEAR YAGOUCHI.

SO THEY
NEVER
INTERACT
WITH THE
MAIN
VILLAGERS
AT ALL

SO
EVEN
MY
NEXT-
DOOR
NEIGH-
BOR
COULD
BE A
MEMBER
OF
POLA-
RIS...?

BUT I'VE
NEVER
SEEN
ANYONE
LIKE
THAT...

WELL~
IT'S NOT
LIKE THAT.



ALL OF
THEM
ARE
WITH
POLARIS.

KEITAROU,
I'M SURE
YOU'VE
NOTICED,
THERE ARE
SOME
PEOPLE IN
AND OUTSIDE
THE CLASS
THAT WILL
IGNORE YOU
EVEN WHEN
YOU TRY
TALKING TO
THEM.



WHEN A
NON-
MEMBER
TRIES TO
TALK TO
THEM, THEY
WON'T EVEN
OFFER
THEM A
SIMPLE
GREETING.

THEY'RE
EX-
TREMELY
DOGMATIC
ABOUT
IT.



"ALL MISFORTUNE
COMES FROM
BONDS WITH
OTHERS," WAS IT?

I DON'T REALLY
GET IT, BUT
THOSE ARE
THEIR BELIEFS.



SERIOUSLY, I
COULDN'T TELL
WHAT THEY
WERE
THINKING. IT
WAS WEIRD.

COME TO THINK
OF IT, THOSE
KIDS THAT
STARED AT ME
WITH THOSE
CREEPY
FACES...



THEY'RE
IGNORING THE
VILLAGERS, WHILE
LIVING LIKE THEY
DID IN THEIR
HOMETOWN?

IS IT LIKE A
WHOLE
DIFFERENT
COUNTRY OVER
THERE IN
YAGOUCHI?

I HEAR IT ALL THE
TIME... PEOPLE
COMPLAINING THAT
THEY TRIED KINDLY
TALKING TO SOME
POLARIS FOLKS, ONLY
TO BE IGNORED.

...ESPECIALLY
AMONG
THE OLDER
FOLKS, A
LOT OF
PEOPLE
ARE DIS-
PLEASED.

MY GRAMPS
HAS BEEN
BURSTING A
VESSEL
EVERY DAY,
ASKING WHO
LET THEM
INTO THE
VILLAGE.

AND IT'S NOT
LIKE THERE'S
ENOUGH
PEOPLE NOW
FOR OSTRACISM
TO WORK
ANYWAY~

NOT
THAT
I'D
KNOW.

WOULDN'T
YOU GET
OSTRACIZED
FOR
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT
BACK IN
THE OLD
DAYS?

THAT'S
TRUE...

ACTING LIKE
THAT, IN A SMALL
TIGHTLY-KNIT
VILLAGE...



HMM?

THAT'S
HOW IT
LOOKS
TO
YOU?



SAKIKO,
YOU HATE
THE
PEOPLE
OF
POLARIS...
...DON'T
YOU?



DOES
ANYONE
IN THIS
VILLAGE
LIKE
THEM?

I MEAN,

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